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I. PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
10 James Skinner	10 James Fraser	Bethel	Birr.
" "	10 James Bell	English Settlem't	"
9 J.J.A.Proudfoot, *Clk.*	9 John Crombie	London	London.
9 John Logie		Warrensville	Hay.
" "		Thames Road	"
John Fraser		Goderich	Goderich.
8 William Cavan	Malcolm McCallum	St. Mary's	St.Mary's, Blanc'd.
William Deas		Adelaide	Wisbeach.
" "		Warwick	"
9 Matthew Barr		McKillop	Harpurhey.
Alex. W. Waddell		Harwich	Ridgetown.
James Duncan		Bayfield	Bayfield.
10 John Fotheringham	Alex. Duncan	Hibbert	Kirkton.
" "	Joseph Irwin	Flat Creek	"
9 William Inglis	9 Robert Fleming	Westminster	London.
8 William Walker	John Fisher	Chatham	Chatham.
	James Ross	Detroit	Detroit, Michigan.
		Grey	Dingle.
		Turnberry	Morrisbank.
		Howick	"
		Brucefield	Brucefield.
	James Henderson	Nissouri, West	St. Ives.
	Asaph Stewart	Nissouri, North	St.Mary's. Blanc'd.
		Fish Creek	Fish Creek.
	William Webster	Florence	Florence.
		Woodstock	Woodstock.
		Downie	Avonbank.
		Fullarton	"
		Carlisle	Falkirk.
		Kincardine	Kincardine.
	William Gardiner	Tilbury	Tilbury East.
		Grant Co., Wis.	
		Windsor	Windsor.

II. PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO.'

10 Thomas Christie	9 James Spence	West Flamboro'	West Flamboro'.
10 Andrew Ferrier, D.D	8 James Stewart	Caledonia	Seneca.
" "		Oneida	"
" "		Indiana	"
Alex. Ritchie	William Richmond	West Dumfries	Ayr.
10 John Porteous, *Clk.*	4 John Malcom	Beverly	Kirkwall.
10 Wm. M. Christie	9 Robt. Aberdien, M.D.	Chippawa	Chippawa.
" "	James Findley	Crowland	"
7 W. Dickson		Thorold	Thorold.
10 Wm. Ormiston, A.M.	10 C. McQuesten, M.D.	Hamilton	Hamilton.
9 John Lees	8 John Robertson	Ancaster Village	Ancaster.
" "	5 John Walker	" East	"
" "	10 James Young	" West	"
	10 Robert Christie	St. George	Rosebank.
	8 Patrick Thornton	Dundas	Dundas.

III. PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
10 J. Taylor, MD., D.D.	George Smith	2nd Toronto	Toronto.
10 William Fraser	John Goodfellow	W. Gwillimbury	Bond Head.
"	James Speers	Essa	Cookstown.
9 Alex. Kennedy	9 William Dunbar	Dunbarton and Canton	Dunbarton.
10 David Coutts	8 John Henderson	1. Chinguacousy	Mayfield.
" "	Andrew Smith	2. Chinguacousy	"
10 John Jennings, D.D.	James Alexander	1st Toronto	Toronto.
5 Peter Glassford	Andrew Riddell	Vaughan	Coleraine.
" "	John Dalziell	Albion	"
10 James Dick, *Clerk*	Walter Dalziell	Richmond Hill	Richmond Hill.
John Baird	7 Andrew Buchan	Erskine Church, Pickering	Dunbarton.
" "	8 James McFarlane	Claremont	Claremont.
10 James Pringle	Peter Chisholm	Brampton and Toronto Township	Brampton.
Alexander McFaul	Samuel Johnston	Caledon	Caledon.
" "	Thomas R. Buckham	Orangeville	Orangeville.
	7 John Austin	Tecumseth	Penville.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

10 W. Taylor, D.D., *Clk*	6 J, C. Becket	Montreal	Montreal.
9 John Morrison;	—— Rutherford	Madrid	Waddington, N.Y.
10 James Watson	William Whyte	Huntingdon	Huntingdon.
	John McOuat	Lachute	Lachute.
	John Murray	New Glasgow	New Glasgow.
		Sherrington	Sherrington.

V. PRESBYTERY OF LANARK.

10 William Aitken		Smith's Falls	Smith's Falls.
9 Alex. Henderson *Clk*	John Robertson	Fitzroy Harbour	Fitzroy Harbour.
6 Thomas Watson	William Tait	Pakenham	Pakenham.
			Arnprior.

VI. PRESBYTERY OF DURHAM.

10 James Macintosh		Amherst Island	Amherst Island.
9 R. H. Thornton, *Clk*	8 Alexander Burnet	Whitby	Oshawa.
8 John Cassie	Nicholas Dodds	Port Hope	Port Hope.
6 George Lawrence		Clarke	Orono.
Robert Monteath	John McGill	Prince Albert	Prince Albert.
John Ewing	Thomas Best	Emily	Mount Pleasant.
" "	John Dick	Manvers	"
8 John Scott		Earnesttown	Bath.
A. C. Stuart	Samuel Martin	Perrytown	Perrytown.
10 John M. King	8 William Mathieson	Columbus	Columbus.
		Brooklin	"
		Lindsay	Mariposa.
		Verulam	
		Mariposa	
		Fenelon	
	10 William Mitchell	Newton	Clarke.
	Robert Huggart	Newcastle	Newcastle.
		Napanee	Napanee.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF WELLINGTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.	POST OFFICES.
10 John Duff	9 Joseph Geddes	Elora	Elora.
10 William Barrie	7 Henry Scott	Eramosa	Guelph.
10 Robt. Torrance, *Clk.*	William Beattie	Guelph	Guelph.
8 James Caldwell		Esquesing	Stewarton.
9 John James	6 Adam Ker	Galt	Galt.
		Garrafraxa	Garrafraxa.
		Eden Mills	Eden Mills.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF BRANT.

6 David Caw	9 George McVicar	Paris	Paris.
9 Thomas Stevenson		Stratford	Stratford.
" "		Shakspeare	Shakspeare,
8 A. A. Drummond		Mornington	West's Corners.
" "		Grant's Corners	
Archibald Cross		Ingersoll	Ingersoll.
10 Robert Rodgers		Tilsonburgh	Dereham.
" "		Culloden	
8 John Dunbar, *Clerk.*	8 Robert Sloan	Glenmorris	Glenmorris.
	9 Daniel McNaughton	Brantford	Brantford.
		Burford	Princeton.
	John McKee	Norwichville	Norwichville.
	David Bell	Blandford	Chesterfield.
	George Bryce	Mount Pleasant	Mohawk.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF GREY.

10 James Gibson	Thomas Lunn	Owen Sound	Owen Sound.
Walter Inglis	George Cromar	Riversdale	Riversdale.
" "	William Pringle	Culross	Teeswater.
10 Robert Dewar, *Clerk.*	David Armstrong	Lake Shore	Leith.
Robert C. Moffat	David Smith	Walkerton	Walkerton.
	George Lamont	West Brant	Walkerton.
	Robert Young	Southampton	Southampton.
	Ebenezer Clarke	Meaford	Meaford.
	David Black	Euphrasia	Euphrasia.

Official Members of Synod, for 1858.

REV. WILLIAM AITKEN, *Smith's Falls*, MODERATOR.
REV. WILLIAM FRASER, *Bond Head*, CLERK.
REV. JOHN TAYLOR, M. D., D.D., *Toronto*, PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY.
REV. THOMAS CHRISTIE, *West Flamboro'*, TREAS. HOME SYNOD'S GRANT.
ROBERT CHRISTIE, ESQ., *Rosebank*, TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Stated Collections Ordered by the Synod.

1. MISSION FUND—Collection to be made in January.
2. SYNOD FUND—Collection to be made in April.
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I. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, TUESDAY,
June 1, 1858, 7½ *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met, and after sermon by the Rev. John Porteous, Moderator, from John XVII. 20. 21, was constituted.

The Roll of Synod was called and marked. **Roll Called.**

Report of London Presbytery. The Presbytery of London reported that they had erected the congregations of Fullarton, of persons formerly connected with Downie, June 4, 1857; of Windsor, July 1, 1857; of Kincardine, July 1, 1857; of Hasting's Corners, Turnberry, October 7, 1857; of Howick, October 7, 1857; of Fish Creek, October 7, 1857, of persons formerly connected with Bethel and St. Mary's; and of Carlisle, of persons formerly connected with the English Settlement, April 7, 1858:—that they had inducted the Rev. William Walker to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Chatham, June 30, 1857:—that they had received Mr. Daniel Todd, preacher, on certificate of the U. P. Presbytery of Glasgow, Oct. 7, 1857, and the Rev. Joseph Young, on certificate of the U. P. Presbytery of Edinburgh, November 16, 1857, it being distinctly understood that the reception of both is only so far as to allow them to be employed as Probationers, till the Meeting of Synod:—and that they had received the Rev. Mr. Hogg's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Detroit, on the 19th May, 1858.

Report of Toronto Presbytery. The Presbytery of Toronto reported that, on the 3rd November, 1857, they had received Mr. David Allison, preacher, and placed his name on the list of Probationers; and on the 17th March,

1858, had ordained Mr. Alex. McFaul, and appointed him to the pastoral charge of the U. P. Congregations of Caledon and Orangeville.

Report of Wellington Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported that, on the 29th Sept. 1857, they had ordained the Rev. John James to the pastoral inspection of the U. P. Congregation in Galt, and that his name had been added to the Roll of Presbytery.

Report of Grey Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Grey reported that, on the 14th Oct, 1857, they had ordained Mr. Robert C. Moffat to the charge of the congregations of Walkerton and West Brant: that on the 14th Jan. 1858, Mr. Fayette was loosed from his charge of the congregations of Meaford and Eup'rasia: that on the 5th October, 1857, Southampton was congregated; and that Culross, under the pastorate of Mr. Walter Inglis, was congregated on the 25th October, 1857.

Report of Durham Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Durham reported the following changes as affecting the Roll of Synod, namely:—On the 27th October, 1857, the Presbytery ordained John M. King to the pastoral charge of the united congregation of Columbus and Brooklin; on the 5th January, 1858, they received the demission of the pastoral charge of the congregations of Newton and Newcastle by the Rev. W. C. Young, and his name was accordingly taken from the Roll of Presbytery; and, on the 6th April last, they received the Rev. Gilbert Tweedie's demission of his charge of the congregation of Manilla, (formerly Mariposa,) and Fenelon; the congregations of Lindsay and Verulam having been demitted by him, on the 17th September, last. Also, that, on the 6th October, 1857, they had licensed Mr. Francis Tisdell to preach the gospel.

Report of Flamboro' Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' reported that they had erected the Crowland Station into a separate congregation, to remain under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Wm. M. Christie of Chippawa, on the 12th of January last: and, also, that they had erected the Dundas portion of the Flamboro' West Congregation into a separate congregation, on the 13th day of last October.

Report of Brant Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Brant reported that, by deed of last Synod, the Rev. Archibald Cross had been transferred to this Presbytery from the Presbytery of London; that, on the 20th of July, 1857, they had accepted the Rev. Patrick Greig's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation of Mount Pleasant; that, on the 19th of October, last, they had organized a congregation in

North Easthope; that, on the 15th of December, 1857, they had accepted the Rev. George Murray's demission of the pastoral charge of the congregations of Blenheim and Burford; that, on the same day, they loosed the Rev. A. A. Drummond from the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Brantford, and that, on the 12th of January, 1858, they had inducted him into the pastoral charge of the congregations of Mornington and North Easthope.

Proceeded to the election of a Moderator.

Moderator Chosen.

It was moved by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Dick, that the Rev. John Merrison of Madrid, be elected Moderator.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Coutts, that the Rev. William Aitken of Smith's Falls be chosen Moderator. A vote was taken, and the Rev. Mr. Aitken was declared duly elected, who then took the chair and addressed the Synod.

Unfinished Business & Reports.

The Clerk laid on the table a list of the business left unfinished at the close of Synod last year, as also of Reports required from Presbyteries and Committees.

Mr. Dunbar added to Committee on Bills & Overtures.

The Rev. John Dunbar, of Glenmorris, having, since last meeting of Synod, been appointed Clerk of the Presbytery of Brant, instead of the Rev. A. A. Drummond, was, by the Moderator, appointed a member of the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Accounts, Committee to Audit.

The Rev. Messrs. Logie and Lees were appointed to examine the accounts of the Synod's Treasurers.

Presb'ty Minutes, Com. to examine.

The following Ministers were appointed Committees to examine the Minutes of the several Presbyteries to which their names are respectively annexed, as under-written, namely: of

London	Rev.	Messrs.	Wm. M. Christie and Porteous.
Flamboro'.....	"	"	Barr and Wm. Inglis.
Toronto	"	"	James Watson and Morrison.
Canada East...	"	"	Dick and Baird.
Lanark.....	"	"	Dr. W. Taylor and Dr. Jennings.
Durham.....	"	"	Barrie and Torrance.
Wellington....	"	"	Cassie and McIntosh.
Brant.....	"	"	Gibson and Dewar.
Grey.....	"	"	Rodgers and Stevenson.

Devotions, to conduct. The Rev. John James and the Rev. John M. King were appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of Synod, at the first Sederunt, to-morrow.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Closed with the benediction.

II. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, WEDNESDAY,
June 2, 1858, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, met and was constituted by the Rev. William Aitken, Moderator.

Devotional Exercises. The Rev. the Moderator, together with the Rev. Messrs. James and King conducted devotional exercises.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the first Sederunt were read and approved.

Messrs. Todd and Young, Reception of by London Presbytery. The Clerk directed the attention of Synod to the report of the London Presbytery in reference to their action in receiving Mr. Daniel Todd, preacher, and the Rev. Joseph Young. After some conversation on the matter, it was intimated that the case would again come up in the regular order of business, and further discussion was therefore, in the meantime, discontinued.

Reports on Presbytery Minutes and Accounts, when to be made. ORDERED.—That the reports of the several committees appointed to examine the Minutes of Presbyteries, and the Report of the Committee of Audit be given in, at the second Sederunt on Thursday.

Bills & Overtures Report of Com. The Committee of Bills and Overtures submitted their report, to the purport following :—

The Committee of Bills and Overtures report the following papers, and recommend them to be taken up in the following order:

I. Applications and Testimonials of certain Ministers and Preachers.
   1. Testimonials of Preachers sent from the Mission Board, Scotland.
   2. Mr. Daniel Todd's Testimonial.

   3. Mr. Patterson's.
   4. Mr. Clerihew's application and Testimonials.
   5. Application and testimonials of Mr. Peattie.

II. Reports of Committees and Presbyteries.
   1. Report of Presbyteries on Superintendence of Students.
   2. Report of Committee for Distribution of Probationers.
   3. Report of Committee on Funds.
   4. Report of Committee on Theological Education.
   5. Report of Committee on Foreign Mission and independence of Church.
   6. Report of Committee on Union.
   7. Report of Committee of Missions.
   8. Report of Committee on Amendment of Statistics.
   9. Report of Committee on Aid to Theological Students.

III. Overture of the Rev. Alex. Kennedy respecting a change in formula for ordination; Overture from Durham Presbytery on the same.

IV. Petitions from United Presbyterian congregation of London respecting instrumental music.

V. Petitions from certain Ministers and congregations in the London Presbytery for the formation of a new Presbytery.

VI. Overture of the Presbytery of Flamboro,' on Temperance.

VII. Report of Committee for aid to families of deceased ministers.

VIII. Paper from Bureau of Agriculture.

Received & sanctioned with one exception. On motion it was agreed to receive the Report and sanction the order of business wherein recommended, with the exception that the Report of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada shall be the first business to be taken up at the evening Sederunt to-day.

Testimonials and Applications. Proceeded to the examination of the testimonials and applications of Ministers and preachers mentioned in the Report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures as above.

Messrs. Scott and Robertson received. Read certificates to Messrs. Thomas J. Scott and W. Robertson, preachers, from Andrew Somerville. D.D. Secretary of the Mission Board in Scotland, setting forth that they had been

received as Missionaries by the said Board, and recommending them to the fraternal affection of the Church in Canada.

It was unanimously agreed to receive Messrs. Scott and Robertson as Preachers of the United Presbyterian Church in this country.

Rev. Mr. Patterson received.

Read next a certificate to the Rev. John Patterson, from the Rev. James Powers of Birkenhead, England, and also, a certificate to Mr. Patterson from the Lancashire Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church.

On motion, Mr. Patterson was received as a minister of the Church in Canada.

Mr. Todd's Licensure

Read an extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Glasgow, Scotland, dated January 8, 1856, and attested by the Clerk of said Presbytery, and bearing that, on the day named, Mr. Daniel Todd was licensed to preach the Gospel. After some conversation as to the weight to be given to this extract as a reason for the reception of Mr. Todd as a preacher, it was agreed to postpone the further consideration of the question, until the Clerk of the London Presbytery be present, who may be able to give the information which is desirable on some points connected with Mr. Todd's application.

Mr. Cherihew's Testmonials.

Read next a certificate from the Presbytery of Fourdoun, Scotland, dated 12th Feb. 1858, setting forth that the Rev. Patrick Cherihew was ordained, as a Minister of the Church of Scotland, on the 26th day of March 1845, and as assistant to the Rev. G. Thompson of Petteresso; that he resigned his charge at the beginning of the year 1852, and shortly thereafter left Scotland for America or some other foreign parts.

Delayed.

It was agreed to defer the further consideration of Mr. Cherihew's application until the Presbytery of Wellington shall have obtained certain papers connected therewith, and shall have given in a full report of their action in the matter, as referred to them at last meeting of Synod.

Mr. Peattie's Testimonials.

Read extracts from the minutes of Presbytery of Cupar Fife of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, bearing among other things, that on the 6th of March, 1849, Mr. William Peattie was, by said Presbytery, licensed to preach the Gospel. Also a statement from Mr. Peattie himself, of his connection with the

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Associate Synod of North America, and an application to be received as a preacher of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Referred to Flamboro' Presb'y.

It was agreed to refer Mr. Peattie's application to the Presbytery of Flamboro,' and to authorise them, and they are hereby authorised, to receive Mr. Peattie as a preacher of this Church when he shall have furnished to the Presbytery, satisfactory testimonials in relation to his connection with the Associate Synod in the United States.

Rev. Mr. Ebbs, Delegate from Congregational Union.

The Rev. the Moderator announced that there had been put into his hands a certificate to the Rev. Edward Ebbs, appointing him primary Delegate to the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada on the part of the Congregational Union of Canada.

Mr. Ebbs Mr. Inglis,& Mr. Blaikie invited to correspond.

The Rev. Mr. Ebbs of the Congregational Church of Canada, the Rev. Mr. Inglis of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Rev. Mr. Blaikie of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, United States, being present, were on motions to that effect, severally invited to take their seats in Synod as correspondents.

Inspection of Students by Presbyteries.

Called for the Reports of Presbyteries on the inspection of Students of Divinity. Reports were handed in from the Presbyteries named, of the purport following:

London.

The Presbytery of London reported that they had had only one Student in Divinity under their inspection during the past year,—Mr. William Fletcher, of the third year, and that he had performed in a satisfactory manner all the exercises prescribed to him.

Wellington.

The Presbytery of Wellington reported that they had had Mr. Robert Hume, student of the second year, under their inspection; that they had prescribed him the exercises fixed by Synod for students of the third year, and that he had performed these to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Durham.

The Presbytery of Durham reported that they had had under their charge one Student. viz; Mr. Irving, of the first year, and that exercises assigned him by them had been performed to their satisfaction.

Toronto.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that they had had the following Students under their inspection, viz:

James Hanran and William Stewart, Students of the first year;

Robert Hall, of the second year, and David Waters of the third year, and that they had performed all the exercises assigned them to the satisfaction of the Presbytery.

Grey. The Presbytery of Grey reported that Mr. William Donald, Student of the second year, had been under their inspection during last summer, and that he had performed all the exercises prescribed to him with great credit to himself and highly satisfactory to the members of Presbytery.

Distribution of Preachers. The Committee for the distribution of Preachers submitted their report, which is of the purport following :—

Report of Committee. Report of Committee for the distribution of Probationers.

During the three months from July to September, 1857, there were five probationers to supply 26 vacancies. At the close of this quarter Messrs. James, King and Moffat were ordained. In October, the names of Messrs. Allison, Greig and McFaul were placed on the list of Preachers. The list then contained six preachers to supply 32 vacant congregations and stations. From January to March, 1858, there were seven probationers on the list, viz : Messrs. Allison, Balmer, Greig, Hamilton, McFaul, Scott and Todd, and the vacancies still as many as formerly, thus affording to each vacant congregation and station somewhat less than one quarter supply, irrespective of what was given by the Presbyteries. During the current quarter, i.e., from March to June there are twelve probationers, including those who have lately arrived from Scotland, to supply some thirty-five or thirty-six vacancies.

There have been ordained or inducted to pastoral charges during the past twelve months, that is, from July 1858, up to the present date the following preachers : Mr. James, to Galt ; Mr. King, to Columbus ; Mr. Moffat to Walkerton, in the township of Brant, and Mr. McFaul to Caledon and Orangeville.

There are two matters to which your committee would call the attention of Synod ; and they would suggest that some action should be taken on them, and instructions given to Presbyteries and the Distribution Committee. These matters are,

1st. Preachers and Ministers not received into regular connection with the Church, obtaining appointments, in some way, to vacant congregations, and being called by them, yet their names not on the list of probationers, and the rules which the Synod has laid down to regulate the appointments of probationers being thus set aside and injustice done to those who go the usual round of appointments.

The second matter is this,—Your Committee is sometimes placed in difficulties by preachers withdrawing their services from the Church and refusing to fulfil appointments,—giving themselves up to some secular calling, for a time ; thus making

the important duty of preaching the Gospel a very small matter, and when they may not succeed in their secular employment to their satisfaction again offering their services, and seeking appointments.

Suggestions respecting the matters complained of in the foregoing report.

1. That no preacher or minister, who has not been regularly received into full ministerial connection with the church shall be eligible for nomination in a call by any congregation, and that when he shall be received he shall obtain appointments only through the Committee of Distribution and the Presbyteries in whose bounds vacancies may be situated.

2. That should any preacher or minister see fit to withdraw his services from the church, from any cause whatever, except want of health, or necessary absence from the country, his name shall not be restored, to the list of probationers in order to receive appointments, except by the direct action of the Presbytery in whose bounds he may have resided, as in the case of all preachers who are received for the first time into connection with the church.

Report received. Thanks to Committee. On motion the Report was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered to the Committee for the diligence and fidelity with which they had performed the duties intrusted to them.

Deputation to be received. It was agreed to receive the Deputations from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and from the Congregational Union on Thursday afternoon.

Adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

III. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, WEDNESDAY.

June 2, 1858, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read, and with an Amendment, were sustained.

Inspection of Students, Brant Presbytery. The Presbytery of Brant reported that during the past year they had had under their inspection the following Students,

William McWilliams, of the second year, John Turnbull and Joseph White of the first year, who respectively performed the exercises assigned them, to the satisfaction of the Presbytery; and that Thos. Muir had been received and certified to the Hall as a Student.

Distribution Com. Report, Decisions on.

Entered on the consideration of the first suggestion of the Committee for the Distribution of Preachers.

Preachers, Conditions of Employment.

On motion of Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Thornton, it was unanimously agreed, and the Synod did, and do hereby agree, That, instead of the first suggestion of the Committee, Presbyteries be instructed to attend to the laws of this Synod already enacted, in reference to the reception and employment of Preachers, and that the Committee of Distribution be enjoined not to give appointments to any probationer who has not been accredited to them as received in the regular way.

Preachers off List how restored.

As regards the second suggestion in the Report of the Distribution Committee, the Synod, on motion of Dr. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Barrie, unanimously agreed,—That in reference to the second recommendation, the Synod is of opinion that the case there contemplated is met by the existing law of the church. Forms of Procedure, chap. VIII, sec. II, sub-section 20, of the purport following:—"No Minister who has demitted or been loosed from his charge, and no preacher who has been off the list for two successive years, unless on account of illness, or location in missionary services, is placed on the Roll without previous applica ion being made to the Synod, or without intimation being sent down to all the Presbyteries and no objections being made within two months from the date of such intimation."

Distribution Committee Re-appointed.

On the question of appointing a Committee for the distribution of Preachers, it was moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded Mr. Wm. M. Christie,—That the Rev. Dr. Ferrier, the Rev. Mr. Ormiston, and the Rev. Mr. Lees, be the Committee of Distribution for the ensuing year.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Torrance seconded by Mr. Duff, That the Committee of Distribution, consisting of Messrs. Dick, Ormiston and Dr. Jennings be re-appointed.

On a vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a large majority, and the Synod decided accordingly.

Theological Education Report.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Theological Education. The Report was read by Professor Taylor.

Received.

On motion, it was unamiously agreed, That the Synod receive the Report, and express their gratification with the statements therein contained; that they tender their thanks to the Committee for their labours and diligence, and adopt the recommendation they throw out in reference to the benefactors of the Theological Institution.

Thanks to Committee. Recommendation Adopted.

Theological Education Committee Appointed.

On motion, the following Ministers were then appointed as the Committee on Theological Education for the ensuing year, namely: Revs. Messrs. Ormiston, Kennedy, Thornton, Dick, Torrance, and King, together with the Professor and the Moderator of Synod. Professor Taylor, Convener.

Theological Education Report to be Printed.

ORDERED.—That the Report of the Theological Education Committee be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Foreign Mission and Church Independence Committee Report.

Called for the Report of the Committee to whom it was referred, to consider in what part of the field it would be advisable for the Synod to engage in a Foreign Mission, as also, to devise means for securing the independence of the Church of all Foreign pecuniary aid.

Read and Received. Thanks to Committee.

The Report was read by the Rev. Mr. Gibson. The report was received, and the thanks of Synod were tendered to the Committee for their diligence in the whole matter.

Adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

IV. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, WEDNESDAY,
June 2, 1858, 7 *o'clock*, *P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Wm. Aitken, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Union Report.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, as agreed upon at the morning Se-

derunt. The Report, embodying certain propositions agreed upon jointly by the Committees on Union, of both Churches, was read by the Rev. Dr. William Taylor, the Convener.

Received, and thanks to Committee.

On motion of Mr. Barrie, the Report was received, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee for their diligence in this business.

Motion on Union Report.

A motion was made by Professor Taylor, seconded by Mr. Dick, with a view to dispose of the subject matter of the Report.

Prayer.

It was proposed by Mr. Caldwell that, before proceeding to the consideration of the subject of Union, as stated in the Report, and in the motion of Prof. Taylor, a member of Synod should engage in prayer for Divine guidance in so important a matter. At the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Skinner led in prayer.

After long reasoning, the hour of adjournment arrived without coming to a vote, and the Synod adjourned to meet again at nine o'clock in the morning.

Closed with the benediction.

V. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, THURSDAY,
June 3, 1858, 9 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Union, Petition on.

Read and received a petition from a joint meeting of the United Presbyterian Congregation of Richmond Hill, and the congregation of Markham, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, praying that measures may immediately be devised for effecting a Union between the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the church of Scotland.

Union, consideration resumed.

Resumed the consideration of the subject of Union interrupted last night by the adjournment.

Motion on, of Professor Taylor.

The motion of Professor Taylor, referred to at the close of last Sederunt, is to the following effect, namely:—

That the Synod, having heard the Report of the Committee on Union, and having reasoned some time thereon, agree to declare that it affords the Synod the highest satisfaction to learn that there are indications of great progress having been made towards a Union of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and this Church, and earnestly hope and pray that that object may be speedily and satisfactorily accomplished; but that the Synod cannot regard the Minutes of the Joint Committee as properly a Basis of Union, and deem it unnecessary to enter particularly on the consideration of these Minutes, but re-appoint the Committee to endeavour, in concert with any Committee that may be appointed for a similar purpose by the sister Church, to frame a regular categorical Basis of Union with all convenient speed, and the Synod embrace the opportunity of impressing on the Committee the absolute necessity of making matters of forbearance those points on which there is, to some extent, a difference of opinion between the two Churches.

Motions on Union, J. C. Becket, Esq., and G. McVicar, Esq.

It was moved in amendment by J. C. Becket, Esq., elder, seconded by Mr. Adam Ker, elder:—

That the Synod regarding a Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, on terms equally honourable to both churches, as a measure eminently calculated to advance the cause of Christ in this Province, and appreciating the services of the Committee on Union appointed at last meeting of Synod, re-appoint said Committee to draw up a formal Basis of Union between these two Churches, in conjunction with a similar committee from the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

It was moved further by Mr. George McVicar, elder, seconded by Mr. Malcom, elder:—

That this Committee be instructed to proceed with all convenient despatch, consistent with the great work they have in hand, to the discharge of this duty, and that the different Presbyteries be furnished with the result of these deliberations, so as to secure a full expression of their opinion before the month of October of the present year, when a special meeting of the Synod should be called to consider the same with a view to an immediate Union.

Motion for Committee of the whole.

It was moved in further amendment by Dr. William Taylor, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Henderson:—

That the Synod resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider, *seriatim*, the Resolutions of the Joint-Committee on Union, as contained in the Report laid on the table.

Rev. Mr. Scott, requested to correspond.

The Rev. John Scott, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, being present was invited to take his seat with us in Synod.

Motion for Committee of the whole, withdrawn.

After some discussion on the foreging motions, and on the whole question of the proceedings of the Union Committee, the Rev. Dr. W. Taylor withdrew his motion for going into Committee of the whole, as the object of the said motion was now attained.

Union, Committee to draft Minute on.

After long reasoning, and the hour of adjournment having nearly arrived, it was, at the suggestion of the Moderator, agreed that a committee be now appointed, to meet during the interval, and in the sense of the several motions already submitted, and of the opinions expressed by the Members of Synod generally, to mature the business for the decision of Synod when the question is again taken up.

The Moderator then named the committee for the above purpose as follows :—The Rev. Professor Taylor, Rev. Messrs. Gibson, Lawrence, and James Watson, together with Messrs. Becket, and Ker, elders. Mr. Gibson to be Convener.

Closed with the benediction.

VI. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, THURSDAY,
June 3, 1858, 2 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of last Sederunt were read and approved.

Minutes of Presbyteries, reports on London, Flamboro', Toronto, Wellington, Brant, Grey.

Reports were handed in from several committees appointed to examine Presbytery Minutes, on the records of the Presbyteries of London, Flamboro' Toronto, Brant, Wellington, and Grey, showing that those records were correctly kept, with the single exception, that in the case of the Minutes of the London Presbytery, several of them are not fully signed, and several meetings appear to have been not regularly closed.

Durham Presbytery Minutes.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Durham reported that they were informed by the Clerk of that Presbytery that he had not brought the book with him.

Accounts report on.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Synod's Treasurers, reported that they had examined said accounts and had found them accurately kept.

Funds, Report on

Called for the Report of the Committee on Funds. The Report was read by the Rev. Mr. Drummond, the Convener.

Received and consideration of deferred.

On motion, the Report was received, but its consideration was deferred, in order to receive the deputation from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, as also the deputation from the congregational Union of Canada.

Deputations from Presbyterian Church of Canada and Congregational Union, introduced.

The deputation from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Ottawa, and the Rev. Mr. Scott, of London, were introduced to the Synod by the Rev. Dr. William Taylor; and the delegate from the Congregational Union, the Rev. Mr. Ebbs, was introduced by the Rev. Mr. Ormiston.

Welcomed by Moderator.

The deputations were respectively welcomed by the Moderator in very cordial terms.

Messrs. Wardrope and Scott addressed the Synod.

Messrs. Wardrope and Scott, severally, addressed the Synod in terms warmly expressive of the desirableness of Union between the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and the United Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mr. Ebbs addressed the Synod.

The Synod was then addressed by Mr. Ebbs, on behalf of the Congregational Union of Canada, conveying the fraternal regards of that Body to this Church.

Prayer by Mr. Gibson.

At the suggestion of Dr. W. Taylor, and by request of the Moderator, the Rev. Mr. Gibson engaged, with the Synod, in prayer; and praise was offered by singing hymn 333.

Mr. Skinner addressed Deputies.

The Rev. Mr. Skinner, of London, at the request, and on behalf of the Synod, addressed the deputies from the Churches, respectively, which they represented, reciprocating with much cordiality the sentiments expressed by them.

Prayer by Mr. Wardrope.

In reply to the request of the Moderator, on behalf of the Synod, the Rev. Mr. Wardrope led in prayer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. William Taylor, it was unanimously agreed:—

Thanks to Deputies.

That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Ottawa City, and the Rev. Mr. Scott, of London, deputies from the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and to the Rev. Mr. Ebbs, of Hamilton, deputy from the Congregational

Union of Canada, for their appearance amongst us this day, and for the fraternal Christian feelings which they have expressed.

The Moderator conveyed to the deputies the thanks of Synod, in terms of the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Wardrope invited to correspond.

The Rev. Mr. Wardrope, the only deputy who had not previously been invited, was then requested to take his seat with us and correspond.

Deputation to Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Moderator of Synod, the Rev. William Aitken, of Smith's Falls, and the Rev. Robert H. Thornton, of Whitby, were then appointed a Depution on behalf of the Synod, to wait upon the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, to meet in Hamilton on the 15th instant, and were, and are hereby instructed to convey to the said Synod, the warm regards of this Synod and their earnest desire for closer relations between the two Bodies than have hitherto existed.

Deputation to Congregational Union.

The Rev. Mr. Drummond, of Mornington, and the Rev. Mr. Caw, of Paris, were appointed a Deputation from this Synod, to wait upon the Congregational Union of Canada, to meet at Brantford next week.

Mr. Riddle's Testimonials.

Read a certificate from Dr. Andrew Somerville, Secretary of the Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, bearing, that Mr. George Riddell, the person named therein, had been accepted by the Board as a Missionary to Canada. It was agreed to receive Mr. Riddell as a preacher of this Church.

Mr. R. received.

Minutes, Canada East Presbytery.

A report was given in by Mr. Dick, on the minutes of the Presbytery of Canada East, to the effect that business had been orderly performed, and the Minutes correctly kept.

Minutes of Lanark Presbytery.

The Committee to examine the Minutes of the Presbytery of Lanark, reported that they had had the Minute Book of the Presbytery put into their hands, and that there appears no more than the Minutes of one meeting of Presbytery for the year 1857, which Minutes appear to be correctly stated.

Explanation.

In reference to the foregoing report, the clerk of the Lanark Presbytery explained that certain Minutes of meetings were not submitted to the examining committee, because they were yet in Scroll, and had not received the confirmation of the Presbytery.

Musical Instruments, petition for.

It was agreed now to take up the petitions from the Session and Congregation in London, on the use of instruments of music in Divine Worship. The petitions were read, containing a prayer to the effect that the Synod would leave the manner of conducting Public Worship as the standards of our Church have left it, to the discretion of congregations themselves.

Motion on Music Question.

In reference to this matter, it was moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Skinner:—

That this Synod declare their decision of last meeting, anent, instrumental music, to have a retrospective as well as prospective reference.

Amendment.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, in the following terms:—

Whereas instruments of music are not essential to the Public Worship of God; and, whereas, their employment in the services of the sanctuary is deemed a serious impropriety by some of God's people, and hence a cause of dissatisfaction and division among those who should be "of one heart and of one mind;" therefore, this Synod feels bound to disallow instrumental music in the congregations under their jurisdiction.

Second Amendment.

It was moved, in further amendment, by Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Crombie, Elder:—

That the prayer of the London congregation's petition be granted, and that the manner of conducting public worship, so far as the use of instrumental aid is concerned, be left to the discretion of sessions and congregations.

The hour of five o'clock having now come, the Synod adjourned to meet in Synodical Missionary meeting at 7 o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

VII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, THURSDAY,
June, 3, 1858, 7 *o'clock*, *P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator.

Mission Report read.

Proceeded to the exercises of the Synod's Missionary Meeting, when the report on our domestic, or Canadian Mission was read by the Rev. Mr. Torrance, Convener of the Mission's Committee.

Report received. The Report, on motion was received.

Praise. Engaged in praise by singing the 56 Paraphrase, verses 8-11.

Address by Rev. Mr. Barrie. An address on the subject, "Canada as a Field of Missions," was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Barrie.

Praise. Again engaged in praise by singing Ps. lxxii, 5-8.

Addresses by Rev. Mr. Gibson. The Rev. James Gibson of Owen Sound, then delivered an address on the subject of Foreign Missions generally, and especially as viewed from a British stand-point.

Praise. Engaged again in praise, singing Ps. cii. 13-15, long metre version.

Addresses by Rev. Mr. Kennedy. The Rev. Alexander Kennedy, formerly a missionary in the Island of Trinidad, then gave an address, presenting some of the leading features of the work in that field of labour.

Thanks for Addresses. On motion, a vote was adopted by acclamation, thanking the Rev. Messrs. Barrie, Gibson, and Kennedy, for the excellent addresses which they had delivered.

Doxology. The doxology was then sung, and the Synod adjourned, to meet again at 9 o'clock, to-morrow.

Closed with the benediction.

VIII. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, FRIDAY,
June 4, 1858, 9 *o'clock, A.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last two Sederunts were read and approved.

French Canadian Missionary Society recommended. At the request of Dr. William Taylor, the Synod agreed to recommend the French Canadian Missionary Society to the continued and liberal support of the congregations of the United Presbyterian Church in this country.

Synod of next meeting. Proceeded to fix the time and place for the next meeting of Synod. Several motions were made and withdrawn, and it was finally agreed, without a vote, that the next ordinary meeting of Synod shall be held in the city of Toronto, on the second Monday of June, 1859, at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

Union business to be first proceeded with. It was moved and seconded, that the Synod now proceed, first, to the consideration of the petitions from the congregation and session of London, on the use of musical instruments in Public Worship.

It was also moved and seconded, that the Report on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, be the first business taken up.

A vote being taken, it was decided by a majority to take up first the business of Union.

Union Report, resolutions on. The Rev. Mr. Gibson, from the Committee appointed at the close of the morning Sederunt, yesterday, to mature the business on the Report of Union Committee, for the action of Synod, submitted a series of resolutions of the purport following:—

1. That this Synod is sincerely and earnestly desirous of Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and is fully persuaded of the practicability of such Union, on grounds that will compromise the principles of neither of the churches, and secure the harmonious action of both.

2. That this Synod regard the action of the Joint-Committees as having served a most important purpose in preparing the way for the formation of a basis on which the Union, so much to be desired, may be speedily and happily consummated.

3. That the Committee be instructed to draw up such a basis, and that that basis shall consist of the great leading principles on which the two churches are agreed, and shall provide that a full and unfettered forbearance shall be exercised by both churches on the one point, namely, the magistrate's power in matters of religion, on which there is confessedly a difference of opinion between the two churches, although, as the Minutes of the Joint-Committees show, not a difference so great as to require or warrant their prolonged separation.

4. That the basis of Union when prepared, and agreed upon by the Joint-Committees, shall be sent down for the consideration of the Presbyteries and Sessions of this church, with instructions to Report on the same by the month of October, when a special meeting of Synod may be called for their consideration, with a view to immediate Union.

5. That the deputation of this Synod appointed to attend the approaching meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in this city, be instructed to express the fraternal regards

of this Synod towards that church, and to lay these Resolutions before them, and to request the re-appointment of the Committee, to co-operate with ours in framing the basis of the contemplated Union.

Professor Taylor, withdrew motion.

The Rev. Professor Taylor, with the consent of Synod, withdrew the motion, to dispose of the Report on Union, submitted by him at a former Sederunt.

Votes.

A vote was then taken on the question whether or not the resolutions, read by Mr. Gibson, should be considered and decided upon *seriatim*, or that the Synod should vote upon the subject matter of these resolutions, *in cumulo*. It was carried by a large majority, Vote on said Resolutions *in cumulo*.

Union, Resolutions adopted.

On motion made and duly seconded, that the resolutions reported by Mr. Gibson, on Union, be now adopted. The Synod did, and do hereby unanimously adopt the said resolutions.

Thanksgiving.

At the suggestion of Mr. James Watson, and at the request of the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Ferrier led the Synod in returning solemn thanks to God for the unanimity with which they have been enable to dispose of this question.

Union Committee re-appointed, with Moderator.

The Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada was then re-appointed with the addition of the Moderator. The Committee will then be composed of the following members, viz.:—The Rev. Dr. William Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Jennings, the Rev. Messrs. Skinner, Proudfoot, Kennedy, Thornton, Ormiston, Gibson, and the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator of Synod, together with Messrs. Lunn, Young, and Robertson, Elders. Dr. Taylor to be Convenor.

Instrumental music question resumed.

Resumed the consideration of the question on the use of instrumental music in Divine Worship, interrupted by the adjournment yesterday afternoon.

New Motion by Mr. Logie.

Mr. Logie, with the permission of the Synod, withdrew the motion which he had made yesterday on this subject, and submitted the following in place thereof:—

Motion.

Moved by Mr. Logie, seconded by Mr. Skinner:—That this Synod do not allow the use of instrumental music in the Public Worship of God, and enjoin on all the Presbyteries to see that the Sessions under their inspection adhere to this rule.

3rd. Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Dr. McQuesten, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Barrie:—

That the prayer of the London Church be laid over till the meeting of Synod next year, and that they be requested to discontinue the use of the instrument.

4th. Amendment.

It was moved in further amendment by Dr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. William Inglis:—

That the Synod declare the use of Musical Instruments in conducting the Public Worship of God as highly inexpedient, and order the Presbytery of London to use due diligence to see that the congregation of London cease from the practice complained of.

List of Motions.

The motions then before the Synod, on the petitions from the congregation and Session of London were those of: 1, Mr. Logie; 2, Mr. Kennedy; 3, Mr. Proudfoot; 4, Dr. McQuesten; 5, Dr. Jennings.

Decision.

The Synod then proceeded to decide, and four votes being taken, the motion of Dr. Jenning's was, by large majorities, successively preferred to all the others, and the Synod did, therefore, and do, in terms of said motion decide:—

That the use of Musical Instruments in conducting the Public Worship of God is highly inexpedient, and order the Presbytery of London to use due diligence to see that the congregation of London cease from the practice complained of.

Dissent.

The Rev. Mr. Proudfoot craved leave for himself, and all who should join with him, to have his dissent from this decision marked in the Synod Minutes, for reasons to be afterwards given in. Mr. John Crombie, also craved leave to dissent. Leave in both cases granted.

Grand Trunk R. R., thanks to Directors.

On motion of Dr. Jennings, seconded by William Dunbar, Esq., it was resolved:—

That the thanks of this Synod are due to the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railroad of Canada, for their liberal grant of permanent return tickets to the Ministers and Probationers of this church, and also for return tickets to the Elders attending this Synod, who could avail themselves of them, which were frankly and immediately given on application; and that the Clerk communicate the same to the Directors through W. Shanly, Esq., Managing Director, with special thanks to himself for his attention.

The Synod adjourned at five minutes before one o'clock, to meet again at two o'clock.

Closed with the benediction.

IX. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, FRIDAY,
June 4, 1858, 2 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last Sederunt were read and sustained.

Rev. J. Young's Testimonial and Applicattion.

There was submitted a testimonial in favour of the Rev. Joseph Young, late of East Haddington, Scotland, from the Presbytery of Edinburgh, signed by John Smart, D. D., Clerk of Presbytery, certifying Mr. Young's ministerial standing and character; Also, an application from Mr. Young himself to be received as a minister of this church.

Mr. Young received.

Mr. Young was recognised, and is hereby received as a minister of the United Presbyterian Church in this country.

Foreign Mission business to be first considered.

A vote was taken as to the first business to be now entered upon, when it was resolved to take up the Report of the Committee on a Foreign Mission, and the independence of the church. The Report and the suggestions contained in it were again read by the Covener, Mr. Gibson.

Report adopted.

On motion made, and duly seconded, the Report and suggestions were unanimously adopted, and it was ordered that the said suggestions or resolutions be engrossed in full in the Synod's Minutes, to the following effect:—

ON A FOREIGN MISSION.

The Committee having heard the Reports of the Deputies appointed by them to visit congregations, were happy to learn that a very favourable feeling prevailed throughout the Presbyteries and congregations that had been visited, towards the object of their appointment as regards alike the self-sustentation of the church, and the entrance, when this shall have been secured, on the Foreign Mission work; but inasmuch as Reports have been received from only three Presbyteries, and no definite engagements have been entered into *in the matter of Funds*, even by those Presbyteries and congregations that have been visited; and inasmuch as the raising of the Funds necessary even for self-sustentation purposes must be a work of time, the Committee recommend that the fixing of a field of foreign labour be deferred for another year, and that in the meantime further measures be adopted to give effect to those which have been already initiated, and to ensure as their ultimate object "the entire independence of the church in this Province of all Foreign aid." With this view they further recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of the Synod.

ON THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE CHURCH.

1. That an address on the self-sustentation of the church, and the best means of attaining it, be drawn up and read from all the pulpits, that it be printed also, and circulated throughout the church; one copy of it, at least, to be furnished to every household connected with the church, either by membership or adherence.

2. That (as already recommended), a Missionary Society be formed in every congregation of the Body, and collectors appointed to take up subscriptions monthly or quarterly, as may be deemed most convenient for the people.

3. That the existence of such a Society in the congregations requiring aid, be a condition of their receiving supplement out of the Mission Funds of the Church.

4. That Presbyteries be instructed to bring these resolutions under the consideration of the congregations within their bounds, and afford them every assistance and encouragement in carrying them out.

Address on Self-sustentation to be drawn up by Mr. Gibson.

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. Mr. Gibson be, and he is hereby requested to prepare an address upon self-sustentation, to send it down to Presbyteries with a view to circulation among the householders, composing congregations.

Church independence, Foreign Mission and Funds Committee.

The Committee on the independence of the church and a Foreign Mission was then re-appointed to take charge of the whole subjects under these heads, as also, to perform the duty of a Committee on Funds.

The Committee named consists of the following persons:—

The Rev. Dr. John Taylor, the Rev. Messrs. Gibson, Ormiston, William Inglis, and Duff, with Messrs. McVicar, and Christie, Elders. Mr. Gibson to be Convener.

Dissent, reasons of, music question.

The Rev. Mr. Proudfoot handed in the reasons of his dissent from the finding of the Synod in the morning, on the petitions of the congregation and session of London, to the following effect.

Reasons for dissent from the Resolution of the Synod in reference to the use of instrumental musie:—

1st. That we think it is beyond the province of Synod to interfere with the rights of sessions and congregations, which have not in this case been exceeded.

2nd. That if there be any evil in the use of instrumental aid,

that evil, according to the Synod, is progressively diminishing, it having been, last year, at variance with the spirituality of worship, while this year it is simply inexpedient.

3rd. That we deprecate the remitting of the case to the London Presbytery as fitted to create much disturbance in the London congregation.

(Signed,) JOHN J. A. PROUDFOOT.
JOHN CROMBIE.

Took up the business of the Home Mission Committee.

Home Mission Report received, thanks to Committee.

On motion, the Report of the Committee was received, and the thanks of the Synod were tendered them for the diligence and faithfulness with which they have performed the duties intrusted to them, and it was ordered that the Report be printed in the Appendix to the Synod's Minutes.

Self-support of Church, Dr. Somerville's letter.

Read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Somerville, Secretary to the Mission Board of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, to the Convener of the Mission Committee, in relation to the support which the parent church had, for so long a time, given to the church in this country, and intimating that such support should henceforward cease.

Dr. Somerville's letter, resolution on.

On motion of Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Thornton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved,—That the Synod having had submitted to them a decision of the Committee on Foreign Missions, in Scotland, to the effect that the Synod in Canada, if she consider herself in a position to do so, should assume the entire support of Missionaries who may be appointed after this date, and a suggestion made by the Secretary of that Committee, that part, at least, of the expenses of passage and outfit be also borne by this church; instruct the Convener of the Mission Committee to acknowledge the receipt of the same; to inform the Committee that steps are in course of being taken to render the church in this Province independent of all Foreign aid; that so far as can be learned at present, these steps are likely to prove successful, and that, consequently, it is probable that this Synod shall not be under the necessity of making further application for help: That the Committee be ordered to procure from Clerks of Presbyteries all the information they can respecting the extent of Missionary openings in their bounds, the number of vacancies, the general circumstances and willingness of the people to support ordinances, and their opinion regarding the amount paid to Probationers, that is, whether vacancies are doing their duty, or according to their ability in this matter, and to send a digest of these to the Committee on Foreign Missions in Scotland, according to the request of said Committee; and, further, that this Synod, expressing their regret that they have not taken the initative in this conrse, now tender their cordial and sincere thanks for the assistance that has been granted in the past, declare their readiness to assume the support of Missionaries who may come out in compliance with the application of the Church, still, however, stating their conviction that at present they can undertake to raise only the salary of missionaries, and therefore request that the church at home continue to bear, for a little longer, the expenses of passage and outfit.

Delegate to the Synod in Scotland, Rev. Mr. Ormiston.

In addition to the foregoing, it being intimated to Synod that there was a probability that Mr. Ormiston would be in Scotland in the spring of next year, it was, therefore, unanimously agreed to appoint the Rev. William Ormiston, M.A., and he was, and is hereby, appointed the Delegate of this Synod, to be present, should it be in his power, at the meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church there, and convey to that Synod the cordial regards of this Synod, and their warm acknowledgements for the long continued and munificent liberality of the church in Scotland to the church in this country.

Mission Committee appointed.

The Committee on Missions was then appointed as follows:—

The Rev. Messrs. Torrance, Barrie, Lees, Dunbar, and Dick, together with the Rev. Thomas Christie and Robert Christie, Esq., Treasurers, *ex-officio*, and Messrs. Dunbar, and McNaughton, Elders. Mr. Torrance, Convener.

Statistics not to be printed.

It was agreed that the Report on statistics be not printed.

Statistics amendment Report.

The Mission Committee to whom was referred the amendment of the forms for statistical returns Reported through the Convener, the Rev. Mr. Torrance, appending to the Report a series of questions or headings for statistical purposes, and recommending their adoption.

Adopted.

To be printed and sent to Presbytery Clerks.

The different headings or divisions were taken up and considered, *seriatim*, and were, as amended, severally adopted, ordered to be printed under the direction of the Mission Committee, and copies sent to Presbytery Clerks for the purpose of supplying congregations and stations, to enable them to make the required returns to Presbyteries; and, also, to supply to the Presbytery Clerks such forms as may be requisite to make Presbyterial Returns to the Mission Committee.

Adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Closed with the benediction.

X. SEDERUNT.

HAMILTON, FRIDAY,
June 4, 1858, 7 *o'clock, P.M.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Aitken, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of the last Sederunt were read, and with an amendment, were sustained.

Formula Overture, withdrawn. On same delayed.

The Rev. Mr. Kennedy withdrew his Overture on a change in the formula for Ordination of Ministers and Elders. The Overture on the same subject, by the Presbytery of Durham, was delayed.

Mr. Clerihew's application.

Took up the application of Mr. Clerihew to be received as a minister of this church, delayed at a former Sederunt, till the Presbytery of Wellington should fully Report on the matters regarding this application, referred to them at the last meeting of Synod.

Wellington Presbytery, Reported.

The Presbytery of Wellington gave in their Report.

Delayed granting application.

The Synod agreed, without a vote, to delay for the present, the granting of Mr. Clerihew's application.

Funds Committee Report disposed of.

Took up the Report of the Committee on Funds, read at a former Sederunt.

Accounts to be closed 31st. Dec.

It was agreed to adopt the suggestion of the Report on Funds, that the Synod's Treasurer do close his accounts on the 31st of December in each year, so that the statistics of the church, and the Treasurer's accounts may correspond, it being understood that the Treasurer will be able to give a summary of the state of the funds from the beginning of the year up to the time of the meeting of Synod.

Aid to Students Committee.

Called for the Report of the Committee, to whom it was referred to mature a scheme for giving pecuniary aid to Students of Divinity. Dr. Jennings, the Convenor, explained why no Report was ready to be presented.

Committee re-appointed.

On motion, the Committee, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Jennings, the Rev. Messrs. Ormiston, and Dick, was re-appointed. Dr. Jennings, Convener.

Huron Presbytery, petitions to erect.

Read and received a Petition, transmitted by the Presbytery of London, from the Rev. Messrs. Logie, Barr, and Fraser, members of the said Presbytery, praying that they and the congregations under their inspection, together with other congregations named, be seperated from the Presbytery of London, and erected into a new Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of Huron. Read also petitions from the sessions of Goderich and McKillop, to the same purport.

Huron Presbytery erected.

On motion, it was agreed that the congregations of Thames Road, Warrensville, Goderich, and McKillop, with the ministers of those congregations, as also the congregations of Brucefield, Bayfield, Tuckersmith, Turnberry, and Grey, with any minister now in charge of any of said congregations, be, according to the prayer of said petitions, separated from the Presbytery of London, and formed into a new Presbytery under the name and title of the Presbytery of Huron. The Rev. John Logie to be the first Moderator, and the Presbytery to hold its first meeting at Warrensville on the first Wednesday of July next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Kincardine Congregation joined to Presbytery of Grey.

On motion, it was agreed that the congregation of Kincardine, within the bounds of the London Presbytery, be separated therefrom, and be connected with the Presbytery of Grey.

Missionary meeting of Synod on Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Torrance, seconded by Mr. Dick, it was Resolved that the public missionary meeting of Synod be henceforward held on the Wednesday evening instead of Thursday as at present, and that all missionary business be taken up and disposed of, if practicable, at the meeting of Synod on Thursday forenoon.

Intemperance suppression Overture.

Read and received an Overture from the Presbytery of Flamboro', on the Suppression of Intemperance, of the following tenor:

Whereas the use of intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, is extensively and ruinously prevalent in the community, and is undeniably the prolific source of poverty, wretchedness, vice and crime;

Whereas in numerous instances it is a fatal stumbling-block to many a member of our Christian congregations, and is the frequent occasion of much dishonour to the cause of Christ; and

Whereas a faithful deliverance of Synod on this subject could not fail to exert a wide spread and salutary influence.

The Presbytery of Flamboro' unanimously Overture the Synod, and respectfully request that the Synod, at its present session, would, as it has on previous occasions, take the subject into consideration, and Resolve in the following or similar terms :—

1. That the Synod deeply deplore the sad ravages of intemperance in the church, as well as in the world, and earnestly exhort all the office-bearers of the church to use their utmost endeavours by doctrine and discipline, example and influence, to arrest and remove this widely extended and destructive vice.

2. That as the liquor traffic, as now legally conducted, tends directly to extend and perpetuate the evils deplored, it is both expedient and necessary that the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating drinks be placed under more effective and salutary restrictions; and the Synod hereby sanctions and approves all legitimate efforts to procure the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law in this Province.

3. That the several Presbyteries and sessions of the church are hereby recommended immediately to take such steps as in their judgment may seem most expedient and efficient for the suppression of intemperance, and for the maintenance of a pure and Scriptural discipline on this matter in each of their respective congregations ; and specially would the Synod affectionately dissuade all the members of the church, and particularly the office-bearers from engaging in any branch of the traffic.

4. That this deliverance be read from the minutes publicly to each congregation.

Resolutions in Overture adopted.

On motion of Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Skinner, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Resolutions in the Overture, like as the Synod did, and do adopt the same.

Abstinence of Office-bearers.

It was further agreed to recommend to all office-bearers of the church, on the ground of Christian expediency, to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and from all connexion with the traffic in those substances.

Agriculture and Statistics Bureau.

Called for the Report of the Committee to whom was referred at last Synod, a letter from the Secretary of the Bureau and Agriculture and Statistics. It being explained that a new Act of Parliament had been passed on at least one of the subjects to which the letter related, and hence, that there was no need for the further action of Synod, the Committee was discharged.

Deceased ministers' families to aid.

Called for the Report of the Committee appointed at the meeting of Synod in the year 1855, to devise a scheme for aid to the families of deceased ministers. No Report was ready to be

presented. The Convener explained, and the Committee was discharged. Committee discharged.

ORDERED,—That 400 copies of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod be printed for the use of ministers and sessions. Order for printing.

ORDERED,—That the church officer be paid the sum of $10 for his attendance and services at this session of Synod. Order to pay door-keeper.

The thanks of Synod were then given to the Rev. William Ormiston, to the office bearers, and congregation of the United Presbyterian congregation of Hamilton, for the accommodation furnished to this meeting, and also to members of the congregation, and other friends, for the kind and generous hospitality with which they have entertained members of the Synod on this occasion. Thanks to Hamilton Congregation, &c.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod.

After engaging in praise, the Moderator announced that the next meeting of Synod would be held in the first United Presbterian church in the city of Toronto, on the second Monday of June, 1858, at 7½ o'clock in the evening and closed the session with the Apostolic benediction.

WILLIAM AITKEN, *Moderator.*
WILLIAM FRASER, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

[No. I.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The Committee on Theological Education, beg respectfully to present the following Report :—

On behalf of the Fund for aiding and encouraging Students of Divinity, the Committee, last summer, addressed a circular to such Congregations as had not already contributed for that object. A number of these Congregations were also visited; and the Committee have pleasure in recording that they have received the sum of £141 15s, including £10 from William Dunbar, Esq., Elder in the Congregation of Dunbarton, who has intimated his intention of contributing the same sum yearly, as an Exhibition to a Student whom the Committee may select. The other contributions were from the Congregations of—English Settlement and Proof Line, £36 12s 6d.—London, £22 5s 2½—Chippawa, £4 1s 6d—Richmond Hill, £8—Owen Sound, £5—Lake Shore, £2 2s 6d—Mc-

Killop, £8 10s—Westminster, £8 6s 3d—Clarke, £13 13s 7½d—Ingersoll, £6—Smith's Falls, £5—Dunbarton, £4 10s—Columbus, £4—Port Hope, £10—Paris, £10—Warrensville and Thames Road, £12—Harwich, £1 5s and collected by Rev. George Murray, £1. The Committee have been highly gratified also to learn, that Thomas Sandilands, Esq., of the Congregation of Guelph, has intimated his intention of giving an Annual Exhibition of £10, and that the Congregation of Paris have resolved to give £11 annually. Considering the extreme scarcity of money at present, many of the above contributions must be regarded as liberal. The generosity of individuals who propose making an annual donation is especially deserving of notice. The Committee cannot but refer also with high commendation to the resolution of the Congregation of Paris, and hope that many persons and Congregations, whom God has blessed with prosperity, will be induced to imitate so excellent an example.

There was on hand for this Fund, a balance of £76 15s., which with interest amounts to, say £81 10s., making together, with the sum of £141 15s., already referred to, a total of £223 5s. A considerable proportion of the Congregations have not yet contributed; but the Committee have reason to expect that several of these will. There can be no reasonable doubt, that without such a Fund, the number of Students must be greatly reduced.

The Session of the Divinity Hall was opened on Tuesday, 20th October. The Rev. John Porteous, Moderator of Synod, occupied the Chair. There were present of the Committee, besides the Moderator, the Revs. Dr. Ferrier, Mr. Dick, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Ormiston, Mr. Duff, and Dr. John Taylor. Several other Ministers also were present. After singing and reading the scriptures, prayer was offered up by Dr. Ferrier. An Address was given from the Chair. Dr. Taylor read an Introductory Lecture, and Mr. Ormiston gave an Address. The Rev. Mr. Skinner, of English Settlement, London, engaged in prayer, and the Meeting was closed with singing and the benediction. The number of Students who entered is fifteen, viz.: Of the fourth year, Messrs. Wm. Fletcher and David Waters; of the third year, Messrs. William Donald, Robert Hall, Robert Hume, B A, and William McWilliam; of the second year, Messrs. James Hanran, George Irving, William Stewart, John Turnbull, and Joseph White; of the first year, Messrs. John Cameron, Peter Goodfellow, James Milligan, and Thomas Muir.

The Members of the Committee appointed by the Synod as examiners, have given the following Report:—

Toronto, 9th Dec. 1857.—The Committee appointed by the Synod for examining the Students met,—the Rev. R. H. Thornton, Chairman, and proceeded to estimate the Examination Papers given in by the Students. These papers were written on the evenings of the preceding week, the Students being convened for the purpose in the usual place of meeting, and the questions being proposed to them simultaneously. The Committee having carefully considered the papers, agreed to arrange the writers of them in the following order of merit, viz.:—Of the fourth year, Mr. Waters, Mr. Fletcher; of the third year, Mr. Donald, Messrs. Hume and McWilliam, who are bracketed, Mr. Hall; of the second year, Mr. Stewart, Messrs. Hanran and White, who are bracketed, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Irving,; of the first year, Mr. Milligan, Mr. Muir, Messrs. Cameron, and Goodfellow, who are bracketed. Those bracketed are regarded as so nearly equal that the Examiners do not attempt to distinguish them. Of the fifteen Students, nine applied for Exhibitions, and the sum of

£10 was awarded to each. The Examiners were much pleased with a number of the papers, but regretted that in some of the departments, several of the Students were considerably deficient. It has not been thought necessary to affect the standing of any, but a deep conviction is felt, that an increased strictness in examination is loudly called for, to protect the Church against the great evil of an inadequately educated Ministry.

(Signed,) R. H. Thornton, *Chairman.*

To the sum of £90 expended on Exhibitions, there falls to be added the sum of £7 10s. as expenses for printing, postage, and travelling, in connection with raising the Fund, making in all £97 10s. Deducting this from the sum of £223 5s., formerly mentioned, there remains a balance of £125 15s., which will bear interest at 6 per cent. from 1st. February last.

For the Library, the Committee have received from the Rev. S. McMillan, an aged Minister of the United Presbyterian Church, in Aberdeen, Scotland, two large boxes of Books, and from the Congregation of Hamilton, £10. For the same object, two of the Students very laudably raised by collection, the sum of £13 15s. 2½d., viz., Mr. McWillian from Mount Pleasant, £1 14s. 5½d., from Paris, £5 14s.; and Mr. Stewart, from Caledonia, (three Stations,) £3 3s. 10d., from Ancaster, (three Stations,) £3 2s. 11d. From these sums there falls to be deducted, for expenses, £1 10s., leaving £12 5s. 2½d. There was belonging to the Library a balance on hand of £4 11s. 7d., which, together with the sum now named, makes a total of £26 16s. 9½d; and the Committee have expended on Books, Bookcases, and carriage of Boxes from Aberdeen, the sum of £25 17s. 6d., leaving a balance of 19s. 3½d. The Committee entertain no doubt that the Synod sympathize with them in a feeling of gratitude to all the parties from whom these benefactions have proceeded, and it is respectfully submitted, that the thanks of the Synod ought to be tendered to them, and in particular that an official letter ought to be transmitted to the Rev. Mr. McMillan of Aberdeen, expressive of the sense entertained of his considerate kindness.

The close of the Session of the Divinity Hall took place on Thursday, 8th April. The Rev. the Moderator of Synod presided on the occasion, and there were present of the Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Dick and Kennedy and Dr. Taylor. After devotional exercises, an Address was delivered from the Chair. Dr. Taylor read a concluding Lecture. Messrs. Dick and Kennedy delivered Addresses, and the meeting was closed with prayer, singing, and the benediction. The attention of the Students during the Session had been occupied with the usual branches. In Systematic Divinity, they had been examined on Dr. Dick's Lectures, from the 30th to the 53rd, both exclusive. In Church History, the subject of examination had been 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Centuries of Mosheim's Work. In Greek, they had read critically the first eight chapters of the Epistle to the Romans. In Hebrew, they had read the first four chapters of Genesis, and a number of selected passages from other Historical Books, the Psalms, and the Prophets, together with the corresponding portions of the Septuagint. Each had delivered a discourse, and given in three written exercises on subjects prescribed. Honorable testimony was borne by Dr. Taylor, to the excellency of their deportment, and the commendable diligence with which, generally, they had prosecuted their studies.

The experience of three Sessions fully attests the wisdom of the Synod in making the change as to the period of attendance. It pleased

God in this, as in the two preceding years, to vouchsafe to all connected with the institution, excellent health, with very inconsiderable exceptions; and the business of the Hall was conducted with a regularity and efficiency formerly unknown. The Committee rejoice to congratulate the Synod and the Church, on the increased number of Students, and on the prospects of so large a portion of them becoming good Ministers of Christ. There is, however, in all respects, room for vast improvement; and the Committee trust that our School of the Prophets will be wisely and kindly cherished, and the blessing of the Great Head of the Church earnestly and persevereingly importuned, that a succession of able and faithful Ministers may be raised up for promoting the glory of the Saviour, and advancing the cause of righteousness and peace in the earth.

[No. II.]

REPORT BY MISSION COMMITTEE,

Read at the Meeting of Synod, held in Hamilton, June, 1858.

God, the Father of mercies, has been graciously pleased to preserve the members of your Committee during the year of their official appointment, and now allows them to appear before you and to present the following Report of their transactions during that period. Their desire is not to forget all his benefits, but to be enabled to lay upon his altar the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever." Let us respond to the earnest exhortation of the Psalmist, when in the depth of his piety and zeal for the glory of God, he exclaims, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men. And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing."

Four meetings of the Committee and four of the sub-Committee have been held, at which a considerable amount of business has been transacted. Preachers' Reports have generally been referred to the sub-Committee, by whom they have been carefully examined, and faithfully characterised in their Report to the general Committee. They have also had, in several instances, the half-yearly "Statements" of Probationers under their consideration, besides other business which came up in the intervals of meeting, and could not be well delayed.

In passing under review their pecuniary transactions your Committee have to observe that the payments made might be classed as follows:—

First,—*Ministers in agreement with the Home Board for £100 sterling a-year, for three years, and who have been installed in Congregations since their arrival in this country.* Second. *Preachers in agreement with Home on the same terms, but who are not, or were not, installed at the time their demands were met.* Third. *Preachers who were not in engagements with the Home Board, either being licensed in this country, or coming out from Scotland without having applied to the Board there; or Ministers having resigned their charge in Canada and gone again on the Preachers' Roll.* And Fourth. *Congregations requiring supplement; these Congregations being six in number, four of them, however, being under the pastorate of two Ministers.*

In addition to the claims embraced under these heads, two accounts for printing have been discharged, amounting to £8 12s. 6d.

To meet these demands the Treasurer of the Home Grant has drawn, under the direction, and by the approval of your Committee to the amount of £253 6s. 10d., currency, and paid to the amount of £220 18s. 8½d., leaving a balance in hand of £32 8s. 1½d. And your Treasurer of the Home Mission Fund had on hand at the date of last Report a balance of £29 4s. 6d., which, with sums he has received from Congregations, or individual donations, amount to £345 16s. 7½d.; he has paid £199 11s. 1d., leaving a balance of £146 5s. 6½d., to meet liabilities that may arise. The total income from all sources for Missions has thus been £599 3s. 5½d., and the total expenditure £420 9s. 9½d.

An item in this expenditure, of which express mention deserves to be made, is £27 11s. 2d, paid to Mr. James Fraser, Catechist, whom God has still been pleased to spare, and who continues to labour with his usual assiduity, faithfulness, and spirituality of purpose, in the field which Providence has opened for him in the Presbytery of London. The half-yearly Reports which have been regularly transmitted from Mr. Fraser, by the Presbytery, show that he is a man fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; that he is instant in season and out of season, and that he has been the means, in the hand of God, of accomplishing much good. Congregations have grown up under his care. He has been honoured to lay the foundation stone and to raise a goodly fabric, in more instances than one. While he has reason to thank God and take conrage, for hitherto hath the Lord helped him, the prayer of your Committee is that God may long continue him in his labours and make him still more a blessing.

In an application from Riversdale and Culross for supplement, passed through the Presbytery of Grey, and recommended by it, it appeared that the Congregation of Kincardine, which lies within the Presbytery of London, was enjoying the ministrations of Mr. Inglis, who, with his other Congregations, is in the Presbytery of Grey. Your Committee are not aware of the circumstances which have led to this arrangement, but it appears to them to be somewhat anomalous; and if it is still in existence, and thought desirable by the parties there that it should continue, they would be disposed to recommend that Kincardine should be joined to the Presbytery of Grey. No valid objection, it is presumed, can be urged against this proposal, and there are several considerations which may be alleged in its favor. Upon these it is unnecessary to dwell as they are likely at once to suggest themselves to members of Synod.

According to the order of Synod, at their last meeting, the Committee applied to the Church in Scotland for an accession of twelve preachers. The letter has appeared in the *Missionary Record*, which is so ably edited by Dr. Somerville, Secretary of the Board. No direct answer to this application has been received, but the fact that it has been published to the Church must be considered as a concurrence with its prayer, and an invitation to those who choose to accept it, to give themselves to the work of Missions in this land. In a letter, however, of date August 7, 1857, and evidently written before the communication of this Committee had reached its destination, word is sent that the Board had accepted the offered services of three Missionaries, and in another, under date 12th March, 1858, that two others had been accepted. All these have now arrived and entered upon their work. Another document has been received from the Board of the date last named, and is among the papers which have been laid upon your table. It is not necessary in this place to do more than to refer to it, but we may go the length of saying that among other things, it embodies a recommendation that the Church in this Province take the whole support of Missionaries, from the period of

their arrival here, and a suggestion from the Secretary that they also take part at least of their outfit and passage expenses.

With most of the Preachers' Reports sent in, your Committee must express themselves very well satisfied, while others of them are just as meager as they can possibly be. A considerable amount of valuable and interesting information is contained in the "Remarks" which some have seen proper to make, and it is only to be regretted that these have not been more numerous and extended. In order that your Committee may obtain a correct view of the Mission-field these Reports are necessary, and without them the Committee on Foreign Missions in Scotland cannot be furnished with information which they may desire to obtain, and for which a request is made in the papers we have just named. We may here observe that neither the Presbytery of Brant, nor of Canada East has sent in Reports by Preachers who have been employed in their bounds. We do not know the reason why they have failed to comply with the law of Synod.

Your Committee have endeavoured to carry out your appointment to make provision for the public Missionary meeting. In order that due time might be afforded, application was made in the early part of the year to three Ministers to deliver addresses, who, although none of them without hesitation, agreed to do so. A subject has been given to each of them, and it has been agreed and his recommended that they be taken in the following order:—Rev. Mr. Barrie on Canada as a Mission Field; the Rev. Mr. Gibson, of Owen Sound, on Missions contemplated chiefly from an old country stand point; and Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of Dunbarton, on Personal recollections of Missionary Life and Labour. The first of these subjects was chosen on account of a want that has long been felt, namely, the omission of our adopted, or native land, as the case may be, in the Missionary Addresses that have been formerly delivered. It is expected that the second speaker will spread out before you the views and feelings and operations of the Church at home; while it has been considered as no more than due, to ask one who was long upon the field of Foreign service, and whose lot has since been cast, in the course of Divine Provinence, in this land, to acquaint us with some of the incidents and dangers in which he has borne an active part in Trinidad.

Your Committee have only further to Report that in obedience to the Synod they have drafted a list of questions for collecting the statistics of Congregations. At the proper time these will be submitted.

ROBERT TORRANCE, *Convener.*

[No. III.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION.

To the Reverend the Moderator, and members of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church, to meet at Hamilton on the first day of June, 1858.

The Committee on Union between this Church and the Presbyterian Church of Canada, appointed at last meeting of Synod, presents the following Report:—

A joint meeting of the Committees appointed by the Synod of this Church, and by the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, was held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the twentieth and twety-first days of October, 1857, for the purpose of considering the application of the

principles contained in the Resolutions previously agreed upon by the Committees, to certain great practical questions. It was determined to take up the three following questions:—1. State endowments of Religion. 2. The use of the Bible in Common Schools; and 3. The appointment of days of Public Humiliation and Thanksgiving by Civil authority.

Upon the first of these points there was much diversity of opinion, but after long deliberation, the Committees unanimously agreed to Report to their respective Synods in the following terms:—

1. The Committees find that the brethren of the Presbyterian Church of Canada hold that there are circumstances in which the State may lawfully offer endowments, and that the Church may lawfully accept of them; and that the brethren of the United Presbyterian Church maintain that the acceptance of endowments is, in all cases, inconsistent with the spiritual independence of the Church, and the allegiance which she owes to Christ her Head.

2. That, however, no specified declaration of opinion on the above questions, or its bearings, is demanded as a term of Communion in either of these Churches.

3. They therefore recommend that, in the event of the Churches being united, the same practice in reference to this question should still be followed in the United Body, that is now followed in the two branches, in their separate state; and that the same forbearance should therefore continue to be exercised.

On the 2nd of the above questions the following Resolution was readily agreed to by the meeting, namely:—

The Committees are unanimously of the opinion that it is highly important that the Bible should be used in the Common Schools of the country, and that the Church should constantly aim at this object; and that, for the accomplishment of this end, it is the duty of Civil Rulers to afford every facility for the use of the Bible in the Common Schools, and while abstaining from the enforcement of it on any who may be opposed to it, to provide that no obstacle shall be thrown in the way of those who may desire to use it.

On the 3rd of the above questions, the following deliverance, after mature deliberation, was unanimously adopted:—

The Committees hold that there are times in which days of National Humiliation and Thanksgiving ought to be observed; and that, in order to secure a general concurrence throughout the nation, the Civil Magistrate may with propriety nominate the day, and recommend the observance of it by all under his rule; at the same time he has no right to prescribe the religious exercises to be observed.

A joint meeting of the two Committees was again held in Knox's Church, Toronto, on the 14th and 15th of April last, at which the following proceedings took place:—

A very lengthy conference was held regarding the duty of the Church, as such, to approach the Civil Magistrate with a view to secure the proper observance of the Lord's day; and in case of such a step being taken regarding the extent of the liberty of dissent allowed to a minority. Ultimately, the following resolation was unanimously adopted, viz.—

That while it is the duty of the Civil Magistrate to protect the sacred character and obligations of the Sabbath, it is also the duty of the Church to bear her testimony in favor of God's holy day, which she

may do by approaching the Legislature, or otherwise, as the majority may determine. And that a minority, while permitted all equitable, liberty, would be understood in this, as in other departments of ecclesiastical government, as bound in action, or dissent, to respect constitutional order and the received principles of the United Body.

Questions regarding the practice of the Churches in admitting to sealing ordinances; and as to bonds or promises securing the payment of stipends, were considered, and a satisfactory understanding was arriving at, showing that in these respects, the practice of the Churches is substantially the same.

Also, the following articles were agreed to:—

1. That the relations which the United Church should bear to the Free Church of Scotland, the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, the general Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland, and all Evangelical Churches be intimate, or otherwise, as the Supreme Court may from time to time determine. That all ministers and preachers applying for admission shall be received on an equal footing, as by law to be enacted; and that all ministers or preachers at the time of the union having temporary pecuniary aid for Missionary or pastorial work from any foreign Church or Society shall continue to receive the same till the time agreed on expires. From the first section of the above, Dr. Burns dissented and gave reasons.

2. That the Committees recommend that the two Theological Institutions be amalgamated, and all the Professors retained, and that the Supreme Court determine the special duties of the respective Professors, as well as all other matters of arrangement.

3. That the name of the United Church be "The Canadian Presbyterian Church."

4. In conclusion, the Committees would express their conviction, that further inquiry into the practical bearing of the principles as enunciated in the minutes of June, 4, 1857, is unnecessary; since any differences which confessedly exist between the two bodies, particularly on the power of the Civil Magistrate with regard to religion, are not, as seems to the Committees, so great, nor of such a nature as to prevent cordial co-operation, and may be made, and should be made, matters of mutual Christian forbearance. They would, therefore, recommend to their respective Synods, that the statements contained in the Minutes of the Joint-Committees be adopted as a basis of Union.

All which is respectfully submitted, in name of the Committee.

W. TAYLOR, D. D.,
Convener.

No. IV.
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Charge against the Treasurer.

	Presbytery of London.	MISSION FUND. £ s. d.	INSTITUTE FUND. £ s. d.	SYNOD FUND. £ s. d.	FOREIGN FUND. £ s. d.
1857.					
Aug. 26	McKillop, quarter ending 30th June	5 10 0			
"	English Settlement, do.	5 0 0			
"	Proof Line.....do.	2 12 10½			
Oct. 26	Greenock and Culross	.. ..	.. ..	1 2 1½	
Dec. 15.	English Settlement, quarter ending 30th Sept.	4 8 7½			
"	Proof Line	1 14 4½			
"	McKillop	5 5 0			
" 28	McKillop	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5 5 9
1858.					
Jan. 25	St. Mary's	.. ..	1 10 0		
Feb. 23	London	2 6 10½			
"	English Settlement, quarter ending 31st Dec.	3 2 0	2 1 0		
"	Proof Line	1 16 8			
"	McKillop	2 6 0			
Mar. 10	Westminster	6 10 0			
" 15	Flat Creek	0 17 6			
"	Hibbert and Fullarton	0 18 4½			
April 23	English Settlement, quarter ending 31st March	3 8 1½			
"	Proof Line	2 4 7½			
"	Warwick	3 0 10½			
"	St. Mary's	14 10 0			
May 10	McKillop	6 5 0			
June 2	Flat Creek	.. ..	.. ..	0 12 2	
"	Hibbert	.. ..	.. ..	0 15 1½	
"	Westminster	.. ..	.. ..	3 0 0	
"	Harwich	1 0 0			
		£72 16 11	£3 11 0	£5 9 5	£5 5 9
	Presbytery of Flamboro'.				
1857.					
July 14	Thorold	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	1 1 6
Sept. 15	Hamilton	25 0 0	11 5 0		
Oct. 14	Ancaster Village	.. ..	.. ..	1 12 8½	
"	do. West	.. ..	.. ..	0 18 0	
"	do. East	.. ..	.. ..	1 8 9	
Nov. 14	Chippawa	.. ..	2 15 0		
"	Ayr	.. ..	2 7 4		
" 24	Flamboro'	10 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0	
Dec. 15	Ancaster Village	.. ..	1 1 6		
"	do. West	.. ..	1 10 0		
"	do. East	.. ..	1 2 6		
1858.					
Jan. 15	Chippawa	.. ..	2 15 0		
"	Thorold	1 15 0			

1858.	*Presbytery of Flamboro', continued.*	MISSION FUND. £ s. d.	INSTITUTE FUND. £ s. d.	SYNOD FUND. £ s. d.	FOREIGN FUND. £ s. d.
Jan. 18	Beverly.....£5 5 0				
	Less Presb. Fund 1 15 0	.. ..	.. ..	3 10 0	
"	Ayr.....	6 8 11			7 3 9
"	do. Juvenile Society.....	11 0 9			
Feb. 19	Caledonia.....	.. ..	0 11 0		
"	Indiana.....	0 16 1½	0 17 8		
"	Oneida.....	1 12 6	0 10 0		
"	Caledonia Sab. School....	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	0 11 6
"	Mary Beau do.	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	0 12 6
"	Chippawa.....	2 7 5			
"	do. Miss. Society...	11 18 7			
April 16	Hamilton, Library £5....	10 0 0	10 0 0		
"	Beverly.....	7 13 2½	.. ..	.. ..	3 0 0
"	Ancaster Village.....	0 7 6			
"	do. East.....	1 6 6			
"	do. West.....	1 2 6			
May 18	St. George.....	12 11 3	2 5 0	1 10 0	
" 31	Chippawa.....	.. ..	.. ..	2 1 3	
June 2	Caledonia.....	.. ..	.. ..	1 1 1	
"	Indiana.....	.. ..	.. ..	0 16 4½	
"	Crowland.....	.. ..	.. ..	1 13 0	
"	Ancaster Village.....	.. ..	.. ..	0 16 0	
"	do. West.....	.. ..	.. ..	1 2 0	
"	do. East.....	.. ..	.. ..	1 2 3	
		£104 3 0	£43 0 0	£21 11 5½	£12 9 3
	Presbytery of Toronto.				
1857.					
June 29	Dunbarton & Canton.....	4 15 0			
July 16	Richmond Hill and Thornhill, King Congregation.....	17 14 0			
Aug. 6	1st Congregation Chinguacousy.....£1 8 4½				
	2nd. do. 1 7 0				
		£2 15 4½			
	Less Presb. Fund 0 17 0	.. ..	.. ..	1 18 4½	
Oct. 26	West Gwillimbury.....	.. ..	1 12 10		
"	Essa.....	.. ..	1 17 2		
Dec. 4	Vaughan.....	.. ..	1 10 0		
"	Albion.....	.. ..	1 10 0		
"	Dunbarton.....	.. ..	.. ..	3 0 0	
1858.					
Jan. 2	Gould Street Congregation Toronto.....	.. ..	10 0 6		
Feb. 19	Vaughan.....	1 10 0			
"	Albion.....	1 5 0			
Mar. 2	Dunbarton.....	.. ..	4 0 0		
" 17	West Gwillimbury.....	1 8 4½			
"	Essa.....	1 11 7½			

1858.	*Presbytery of Toronto, continued.*	MISSION FUND. £ s. d.	INSTITUTE FUND. £ s. d.	SYNOD FUND. £ s. d.	FOREIGN FUND. £ s. d.
Mar. 17	Gould Street Congregation Toronto.....	10 0 0			
May 21	Vaughan.....	.. ..	.. ..	1 2 6	
"	Albion.....	.. ..	.. ..	0 12 6	
June 2	Gould Street Congregation Toronto.....	.. ..	.. ..	4 4 3½	
"	Claremont.....	2 12 6			
		£40 16 6	£20 10 6	£10 17 8	
	Presbytery of Canada East.				
1857.					
June 23	Madrid Congregation U. S.	... ...	... ..	5 7 6	39 8 0
"	Smith's Falls.....	2 10 0	.. ..	1 10 0	
1858.					
June 2	Madrid, United States....	4 16 3			
"	Montreal.....	.. ..	5 0 0	3 0 0	
		£7 6 3	£5 0 0	£9 17 6	39 8 0
	Presbytery of Lanark.				
1858.					
May 21	Pakenham.....	.. ...	1 0 0		
	Presbytery of Durham.				
1857.					
Dec. 4	Prince Albert.....	.. ...	1 0 0		
1858.					
Mar. 5	Columbus and Brooklin..	.. ..	5 0 0		
" 27	Whitby.....	7 6 3			
Apr. 23	Clarke.....	14 0 0			
"	Prince Albert.....	1 5 0			
" 30	Columbus.....	8 0 0			
June 2	Amherst Island.....	9 14 8	1 0 0	0 17 0	3 0 0
"	Newton.....	12 10 0	4 0 0	2 10 0	
"	Port Hope.....	.. ..	1 5 0	1 5 0	
		£52 15 11	£12 5 0	£4 12 0	£3 0 0
	Presbytery of Wellington.				
1857.					
Dec. 15	Esquesing.....	.. ..	1 5 0		
1858.					
Jan. 18	Galt.....	.. ..	4 0 0		
" 26	Guelph.....	5 15 0	.. ..	.. ..	3 0 0
Feb. 1	Esquesing.....	0 16 3			
" 19	Eramosa.....	3 15 0	4 0 0		
Mar. 19	Elora.....	.. ..	.. ..	3 11 0	
Apr. 16	Mr. McCrae, Guelph.....	10 0 0			
" 28	Galt.....	5 0 0	.. ..	2 0 0	
"	Eramosa.....	3 1 3½			
"	do. Missionary Soc'y.	6 1 9			
		£34 9 3½	£9 5 0	£5 11 0	£3 0 0

			MISSION FUND. £ s. d.	INSTITUTE FUND. £ s. d.	SYNOD FUND. £ s. d.	FOREIGN FUND. £ s. d.
Presbytery of Brant.						
1857.						
Nov. 24	Glenmorris		.. ..	2 13 0		
Feb. 19	Miss J. Rogers		.. ..	0 10 0		
Mar. 17	Glenmorris		.. ..	.. ..	3 4 2½	
May 18	do.	£2 6 3				
	Less Pres. Fund	0 15 0				
			1 11 3			
			£1 11 3	£3 3 0	£3 4 2½	
Presbytery of Gray.						
Jan. 8	Lake Shore		.. ..	1 2 6		
" 26	Euphrasia		.. ..	0 8 3	0 10 3	
"	Meaford		.. ..	0 12 9½		
April 7	Lake Shore		1 5 9			
"	Walkerston		1 10 0			
			£2 15 9	£2 3 6½	£0 10 3	

ABSTRACT OF MISSION FUND.

			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance on hand on 5th June, 1857			.. ..	29 4 6
Presbytery of London, collected during the past year			72 16 11	
Presbytery of Flamboro',	do.	do.	104 0 3	
Presbytery of Toronto,	do.	do.	40 16 6	
Presbytery of Canada East,	do.	do.	7 6 3	
Presbytery of Lanark,	do.	do.	00 0 0	
Presbytery of Durham,	do.	do.	52 15 11	
Presbytery of Wellington			34 9 3½	
Presbytery of Brant			1 11 3	
Presbytery of Grey			2 15 9	
Interest collected during the past year			7 0 6½	
				323 12 8
				£352 17 2

DISCHARGE.

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1857.					
Octo. 2	Paid Rev. Walter Scott			14 14 10½	
" "	Mr. James Fraser Catechist			13 11 6	
1858.					
Jan. 26	"	Rev. Robert Torrance, attending Committee		2 6 3	
"	"	Printer's account, amounting to		6 12 6	
"	"	Rev. A. Drummond		1 15 0	
"	"	Rev. John Dunbar		0 10 0	
Feb. 1,	"	Rev. Mr. Livingston		3 10 8	
"	"	Mr. James Fraser		13 19 8	
" 3	"	Rev. A. Fayette		32 7 9	
"	"	Rev. Walter Inglis		21 6 6	
"	"	Rev. Walter Scott		13 3 6	
April 28	"	Rev. Walter Inglis		25 0 0	
June 2	"	Rev. Robert Hamilton		27 7 11	
"	"	Rev. David Todd		16 5 0	
"	"	Rev. Alexander McFaul		6 8 6	
"	"	Rev. Robert Torrance, Secretary		10 0 0	
"	"	do. do. do. Account Stationery and Postage		1 6 8	
					210 5 7½
Balance on hand 4th June, 1858					£142 11 6½

ABSTRACT OF INSTITUTE FUND.

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance on hand on 5th June, 1857				.. ..	27 16 7½
Presbytery of London, collected during the past year				3 11 0	
Presbytery of Flamboro',	do.	do.		43 0 0	
Presbytery of Toronto,	do.	do.		20 10 6	
Presbytery of Canada East,	do.	do.		5 0 0	
Presbytery of Lanark,	do.	do.		1 0 0	
Presbytery of Durham,	do.	do.		12 5 0	
Presbytery of Wellington,	do.	do.		9 5 0	
Presbytery of Brant	do.	do.		3 3 0	
Presbytery of Grey,	do.	do.		2 3 6½	
Collected during the past year					99 18 0½
					£127 14 8

DISCHARGE.

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1857.					
June 29	Paid Professor Taylor			51 0 10	
Oct. 2	"	do.	do.	51 0 10	
1858.					
Jan. 2	"	do.	do.	51 0 10	
"	"	Exchange and Postage		0 12 10	
June 3	"	Rev. John Porteous' Expenses attending Hall		2 10 0	
"	"	Officer attending Hall		10 0 0	
Balance of Interest				2 10 6	
				£168 15 10	£41 1 2
				£168 15 10	£168 15 10
Arrear 4th June, 1858				£41 1 2	

ABSTRACT OF SYNOD FUND.

				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Arrear on 4th June, 1857				.. ..	58 0 11½
1858. Paid Printing Minutes				.. ..	17 10 0
Jan. 12	"	Rev. Thomas Christie		.. ..	5 0 0
June 2	"	Synod Clerk's Salary and Postages		.. ..	15 14 10½
"	"	Rev. James Gibson attending Union Com.		.. ..	3 3 9
"	"	Rev. James Skinner	do. do.	.. ..	3 13 9
"	"	Rev. Wm Taylor, D.D.	do. do.	.. ..	11 5 0
"	"	Rev. R. H. Thornton	do. do.	.. ..	2 1 6
"	"	Rev. Thomas Christie's Salary		.. ..	5 0 0
Balance of Interest				.. ..	3 9 6
					£124 19 4
Presbytery of London collected during the past year				5 9 5	
Presbytery of Flamboro',	do.	do.		21 11 5½	
Presbytery of Toronto,	do.	do.		10 17 8	
Presbytery of Canada East,	do.	do.		9 17 6	
Presbytery of Lanark,	do.	do.		00 0 0	
Presbytery of Durham,	do.	do.		4 12 0	
Presbytery of Wellington,	do.	do.		5 11 0	
Presbytery of Brant,	do.	do.		3 4 2½	
Presbytery of Grey,	do.	do.		0 10 3	
Collected during the past year				.. ..	61 13 6
Arrear on 4th June, 1858				.. ..	63 5 10

				£	s.	d.
On hand in aid of Foreign Missions, 5th June, 1857				75	8	7
Presbytery of London collected during the past year				5	5	9
Presbytery of Flamboro',	do.	do.		12	9	3
Presbytery of Toronto,	do.	do.		00	0	0
Presbytery of Canada East,	do.	do.		39	8	0
Presbytery of Lanark,	do.	do.		00	0	0
Presbytery of Durham,	do.	do.		3	0	0
Presbytery of Wellington,	do.	do.		3	0	0
Presbytery of Brant,	do.	do.		00	0	0
Presbytery of Grey,	do.	do.		00	0	0
Interest				7	1	5
On hand 4th June, 1858				145	13	0

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Home Mission Funds, have found them kept in an accurate and orderly manner.

(Signed,) JOHN LOGIE.
JOHN LEES.

STATISTICS

*Of the United Presbyterian Congregation of*_____

for the year ending 31st Dec., 18_____

1. No. of Organized Congregations.....
2. No. of Supplies by the Pastor.....
3. Average attendance at each place of Worship.....
4. No. of Members added:—
   1st By Certificate,.....
   2nd On Examination.....
   } Total.....
5. No. of Members Removed:—
   1st, by Certificate.....
   2nd, By Discipline.....
   3rd, By Death.....
   } Total.....
6. No. on the Roll.....
7. No. of Baptisms.....
8. No. in Religious Classes:—
   1st, Sabbath School.....
   2nd, Bible Class.....
   } Total.....
9. Average attendance at Prayer Meetings.....
10. Volumes in Libraries:—
    1st, Congregational.....
    2nd, Sabbath School.....
    } Total.....
11. No. of Churches.....
12. No. of Sittings in each Church:—
    1.....
    2.....
    3.....
    4.....
    } Total.....
13. Is there a Manse?.....
14. Is Property Deeded?.....
15. What is the Marketable value of Congregational Property?.....
16. Amount of Debt.....
17. Totol Income.....
18. Total Expenditure:—
    1st, On Stipend.....
    2nd, On Church Property.....
    3rd, On Home Missions.....
    4th, Other Missions.....
    5th, Theological Fund:—
        1st, On Salary.....
        2nd, On Students.....
        3rd, On Theological Library.....
    6th, On Synod Fund.....
    7th, On Presbytery Fund.....
    8th, Benevolent Contributions.....
    9th, Incidental Expenses.....

It is requested that accurate and full replies be given, and that the return be made to the Clerk of Presbytery, about the middle of January.

The "Congregational Property" includes Church, Glebe, and Manse, if these are possessed.

"Home Missions" are those carried on and supported in the Province.

As this form shows, the "Theological Fund" embraces three items—1st, Salary of the Professor—2nd, Amount given to Students—and 3rd, Amount appropriated to purchase Books for the Theological Library.